Docket No.: 29827/41950

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Utility Application of:

Martin Beck et al.

Application No.: 10/576,049

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Filed: April 14, 2006

Art Unit: 3761

For: Hydrogel Capable of Absorbing

Blood and/or Body Fluids

Examiner: Ginger T. Chapman

AMENDMENT "B"

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of December 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.